

MINUTES.

The thirtieth session of the Tuskegee Baptist Association convened with the Opelika Church, Opelika, Alabama, October 15, 1875.

Neither of the brethren who had been appointed to preach the introductory sermon being present, the Executive Committee deferred that sermon to the night service, and requested Elder J. F. Bledsoe, of Liberty Association, to preach at that hour, which he did, from Heb., xvii : 17.

At 11 o'clock A.M., October 15th, the members and delegates assembled at the Baptist Church. Rev. Wm. H. Carroll, the Moderator of last session, called the Association to order, and after reading of Scripture and singing, prayer was offered by Rev. R. A. J. Cumbie, of Liberty Association.

Rev. Z. D. Roby resigned, and moved to appoint Rev. C. W. Buck, Secretary, *pro tem*.

The letters from the Churches were read by brethren Renfroe, Gwin, Brewer and Lloyd, and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows: Concord, Archy McKee; Farmville, J. S. Talbot, J. I. Bedell; Pleasant Hill, letter and money—no delegates; Salem, D. W. Floyd, M.D., D. Stringer; Society Hill, J. B. Dill, John A. Richardson; Notasulga, W. F. Dukes, T. May, H. H. Armstrong; Tuskegee, Rev. Z. D. Roby, R. R. Varner, Wady Thompson, Rev. G. D. Benton; Ebenezer, letter and money—no delegates; Rocky Mount, Rev. F. C. David, Jos. Phipps; Chewakla, J. C. Payne, Robert Kellum; La Place, S. C. Cloud; Liberty, J. Corr, J. M. Saunders; Girard, letter and money—no delegate; Hurtville, G. W. Long; Loachapoka, O. D. Cox, W. W. Bloodworth, N. G. Macon; Auburn, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Alex. Frazier; Opelika, Rev. W. H. Carroll, Rev. K. Taylor, Rev. J. D. Bond, G. W. Dawson, W. T. Melton, I. N. Branham; Elam, Charles Little, J. O. Barron; Concord, Lee county, R. A. Teller, B. F. Jordan, J. W. Aldridge; Mt. Lebanon, R. A. Stratford, R. E. Lindsey; Union Grove, W. J. Parker, C. P. Taylor, Wm. Hegaman, J. W. Haynes, W. G. Whitman; Seale, J. D. Quarles, S. O'Neal; Crawford, Rev. J. L. Revel, R. B. Gillat; Philadelphia, S. L. Mullens, Z. Stroud; County Line, N. Aldridge, John G. Butler; Shiloh, I. S. C.

Satterwhite, H. P. Johnson; Brownville, J. H. Howard, J. B. Copeland; Friendship, A. M. Martin, G. W. Fuller; Good Hope, E. J. Ingram, Charles Ingram; Union Springs, not represented.

Petitionary letters were called for, none responding.

The Association was then fully organized for present year by electing Rev. W. H. Carroll, Moderator; Rev. C. W. Buck, Clerk; O. D. Cox, Treasurer.

Correspondents from sister associations and other bodies called for, and the following brethren were received: Liberty Association, Rev. R. A. J. Cumbie, Rev. J. F. Bledsoe, W. R. Dawson, F. M. Echols, S. Fosser, W. A. J. White, J. C. Boyd, R. R. Spinks; Central Association, Rev. G. E. Brewer; Eufaula Association, Rev. W. S. Rogers; Tallapoosa Association, Rev. W. A. Kennedy; Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, D.D., General Agent of Centennial Memorial for Howard College endowment; Rev. D. W. Gwinn, D.D., President Baptist State Board of Education.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock P.M. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Gwinn.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 O'CLOCK.

Opening prayer by Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe.

Returned correspondents to Convention and sister Associations as follows: Baptist State Convention, W. H. Carroll, Z. D. Roby, F. C. David, C. W. Buck, G. D. Benton, R. R. Varner, B. Zachary, John D. Quarles, W. E. Lloyd; Liberty Association, O. D. Cox, J. S. Talbot, Rev. W. H. Carroll, Rev. Z. D. Roby, Rev. C. W. Buck, R. G. Macon, E. Adams, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, John D. Quarles, A. N. Adams; Central Association, Rev. W. H. Carroll, Rev. C. W. Buck, Rev. W. E. Loyd, J. I. Bedell, A. N. Adams, W. W. Bloodworth, W. H. Crane; Tallapoosa River, A. N. Adams; Eufaula Association, Rev. W. H. Carroll; Columbus (Ga.) Association, R. E. Lindsey, Rev. W. A. Crane, Rev. G. D. Benton, John D. Quarles.

The Moderator appointed the committees as follows:

Committee on Preaching—Robert Kellum, Alex. Frazer, D. W. Floyd and delegates of Opelika Church.

On Finance—W. W. Bloodworth, D. Stringer, A. McMakin.

Auditing—N. Aldridge, J. G. Butler, R. R. Varner.

Missions—Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. G. D. Benton, J. Payne.

Doctrine and State of Religion—Rev. F. C. David, J. S. Talbot and S. L. Mullens.

Sunday Schools—Rev. Z. D. Roby, D. W. Floyd, J. I. Bedell.

Education—J. Quarles, S. C. Cloud, J. G. Butler.

Temperance—Rev. J. L. Revel, J. W. Haynes, Wm. Hagerman.

Deceased Ministers—Alex. Frazer, D. W. Floyd, A. N. Adams.

Executive Committee reported as follows:

We remind you that we still owe our former Evangelist, Rev. F. C. David, two hundred and twenty-nine dollars and sixty-five cents (\$229.65) for services rendered last year. This debt ought to be paid. We recommend, therefore, that all money sent to this Association without direction as to its appropriation, together with Sabbath collections, or a sufficient part thereof, be applied to the full payment of this debt.

Z. D. ROBY,

Chairman Executive Committee.

On motion, a special committee on Centennial work was appointed as follows: Z. D. Roby, W. E. Llloyd, E. J. Ingram.

On motion, Saturday, 10 o'clock A.M., appointed as a special hour for discussion of reports on Education and Centennial Work.

Committee on Service reported: Rev. D. W. Gwinn to preach Saturday night, 7½.

On motion, Brethren Gwinn and Renfro, associate editors of "The Alabama Baptist," were invited to present the interest of that paper, both brethren responding.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed: Open 9 A.M., close at 1 P.M.; open 3 P.M., close at discretion.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Rogers.

SATURDAY, October 16th, 9 o'clock A.M.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. George E. Brewer.

Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

List of delegates read and corrected.

Committee on Documents and State of Religion reported as follows:

We, your Committee, report that we find nothing in the letters specially claiming the attention of the Association.

We notice that nearly all our churches have been graciously revived, and quite a number of rejoicing hearts have been added to the different churches—for which we have abundant reason to thank the Lord.

F. C. DAVID, Chairman.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows:

The field still widens, and a rich harvest of golden grain, already ripe and ripening, invites the earnest toil of the skillful laborer. What inducements are

now presented to every servant of Christ to thrust in the sickle and bear away to the garner the matured sheaves!

Laborers are ready. We hear their cry from many parts of our land, as they stand girded for the toil, "Here am I, send me." But our Boards, Home and Foreign, have not the means sufficient to send them, and the cries of these earnest, skillful reapers must be heard in vain, at least for the time, and much of the precious grain must be left to stand in the fields, or allowed to fall and decay, merely for the want of reapers in the field.

As Christians, our contributions to missions should be a proper expression of the gratitude we feel for the blessed hopes which the Gospel has brought to us, remembering that we have freely received, and that we should freely give. The Apostolic plan of giving cannot be too earnestly insisted on in these days of small things.

W. E. LLOYD, Chairman.

Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, agent of the Home Mission Board for Georgia, made an earnest appeal in behalf of the cause of Missions.

The special order of business for 10 o'clock was called for, and the following reports from the Committees on Education and Centennial Work were read:

Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee on Education can do little else on the present occasion than call attention to those institutions of learning under the charge and supervision of our denomination.

The Howard College, located at Marion, is under the charge of Col. J. T. Murfee, assisted by an able corps of teachers, and has a Theological Department, where young men without means receive tuition free.

The Judson Female Institute, located at the same place, is under the charge of Rev. M. T. Sumner, D. D., ably assisted by experienced teachers.

The Alabama Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa, well officered and conducted, we recommend to the support of Alabama Baptists.

We also call attention to our Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., and recommend it to the care, support and sympathies of our Association, and the whole denomination.

We also recommend the Centennial movement, now on foot in our State, to the interest and support of every Baptist in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO D. QUARLES,

S. C. CLOUD,

JNO. G. BUTLER.

The following report by the Centennial Committee was read:

July 4th, 1876, will be the one hundredth birth day of American Independence. That free institutions, both civil and religious, have been maintained for a century is a fact which history may now, for the first time, proudly record. This is a truth of much importance and vast signification, not to us only, but to the whole world.

"The Centennial" of civil freedom will be loudly hailed with national demonstrations fully commensurate with the glorious event they are designed to celebrate. In this we shall take no very active or prominent part. We feel no very great disposition, just now, to do much gushing over our civil rights. But, as Christians, and *especially as Baptists*, we must give some suitable expression to our interest in and our love for the *religious* liberty which we enjoy.

In our country, *only*, is Church and State fully and distinctly separated—a monument to Baptist faith and suffering which, we believe, will bless many nations in coming ages. As Baptists, we propose to recognize our obligations to coming generations, acknowledge our indebtedness to our fathers, and give

expression of our gratitude to Almighty God by endowing our denominational colleges, so that they may live to disseminate and propagate through their teachings the New Testament doctrines of soul liberty.

Z. D. Roby, Chairman.

Bro. John J. D. Renfroe, General Agent of the Baptist Centennial Work for Alabama, addressed the large audience present upon the subjects of the reports, and made an earnest appeal to the denomination to awake to the necessity of religious education and denominational principles, declaring that mainly the religious liberty, as well as much of the national liberty of America, was due to the principles of the Baptists, and the active part taken by them in the struggle for freedom.

Bro. Gwinn, of Montgomery, also addressed the Association on the necessity of mental as well as religious education for the continual security of religious freedom.

Bro. Renfroe presented the plan of "Endowment," and secured a number of subscribers.

On motion of Bro. Z. D. Roby, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be appended to the report on education:

Resolved, 1. That an Associational Centennial Committee, consisting of one member in each church, be appointed as collectors for their several churches, whose duty it shall be to procure, as far as possible, one dollar from every member.

Resolved, 2. That this committee be requested to make the canvass for the work as *early* and thoroughly as possible, and that funds be forwarded to Dr. J. J. D. Renfroe, at Talladega, Alabama, as rapidly as collected.

The following Committee was appointed by the Moderator:

Rev. Z. D. Roby, Chairman.	Concord, Macon co.	Rev. C. W. Buck
For Opelika Church.....S. E. Milford.	Rocky Mount.....	Rev. F. C. David
Farmville.....J. S. Talbot	Pleasant Hill.....	N. Langley
Notasulga.....	Auburn.....	Rev. W. E. Lloyd
Liberty.....John Corr	Union Grove.....	J. W. Parker
Uchee.....C. E. Ingram	Philadelphia... ..	Rev. W. W. Crane
Mt. Lebanon.....R. E. Lindsey	Brownville.....	J. B. Copeland
Hurtville.....G. W. Long	Society Hill.....	J. B. Dill
Concord, Lee county...R. A. Tellery	Chewakla.....	Robert Kellum
Tuskegee.....R. R. Varner	County Line.....	John G. Butler
Loachapoka.....W. W. Bloodworth	Friendship.....	G. W. Fuler
Salem.....E. M. Solomon	La Place.	S. C. Cloud
Seale.....J. D. Quarles	Crawford.....	Rev. J. L. Revel
Shiloh.....I. S. C. Satterwhite	Ebenezer.....	J. M. McCaathy
Girard .....B. H. Ryder	Elam.....	Charles Little

The Committee on Service reported preaching for Sabbath as follows:

Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. Z. D. Roby, Methodist Church, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. J. F. Bledsoe, Presbyterian Church, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. C. W. Buck, Colored Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. G. D. Benton, Colored Methodist Church, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. George E. Brewer, Baptist Church, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Rev. W. S. Rogers, Methodist Church, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Rev. F. C. David, Presbyterian Church, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Rev. W. H. Crane, Colored Baptist Church, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Colored Methodist Church, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

The above services were fulfilled according to appointment, except at the Colored Methodist Church, which was filled by Rev. C. W. Buck, by the appointment of the Moderator, brother Lloyd being absent.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin.

SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Services resumed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Crane.

The subject of missions was again taken up, and fully discussed by brethren Renfroe, Chaudoin and Roby. Report adopted.

Bro. W. H. Carroll, acting as Agent for the Home Mission Board for the Southeast District of Alabama, made a statement of his mission, and solicited invitations from the churches to visit them in the interest of his work.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported:

While it is true that the interest in this good work is deepening and widening among our people, yet it is also true that our churches, as such, are not doing their whole duty. Too many of our church members find excuses for their absence from our schools. All our brethren and a majority of our sisters can and ought to be in Sabbath-school regularly every Sabbath morning.

We recommend that our pastors give more personal attention to this important branch of the work. We know of no agency so well calculated to acquaint our members with the teachings of Divine truth, and thus correctly train them for a right discharge of their individual Christian responsibilities. We may not hope for any one to *do the will* unless he *knows* the will of God, nor need we expect to know only as we learn.

Churches have no better means of preaching the gospel than by assembling the members of their respective communities and instructing them in the Scriptures. Certainly no Baptist church will deny that to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed Lord is the object of its organization.

We would again urge upon Superintendents the importance of sending to our Association a correct statistical report of their respective schools. Until this is done it will be utterly impossible for us to know what is being done in this department. Organization in this, as in all departments of Christian labor, will give additional interest and strength to the cause.

Z D. ROBY, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Committee on Deceased Ministers reported:

We take pleasure in reporting that, through the mercy of a kind Providence, there has been no death among the ministry of our Association since the last session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

A. FRAZER,
D. W. FLOYD,
A. N. ADAMS.

On motion, ordered that a collection be taken up, after the night service, for the support of young ministers at Howard College—which amounted to \$12.35.

Temperance report called for, read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance report:

We regret that a report on such a subject is deemed necessary, and hope the time will soon come when a report on temperance will be considered as much out of place in our religious bodies as reports on swearing or lying would now be. That the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is condemned by the Word of God is too evident to need argument or reference. Intemperance is not only the cause of nearly all the crime in our land, but is itself a sin against both God and man; and no church is doing its duty that allows its members to use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, even to a moderate degree. God's command is, "Look not upon it," etc.; "Touch not, taste not, handle not." Moderate drinking leads to drunkenness, and drunkards have no part in the kingdom of God. We rejoice that the churches have been much awakened upon the subject, and hope the day is near at hand when it shall not be known among us—no, not at all! We understand God's Word to positively prohibit its use as a beverage, and we recommend that our churches use every effort to eradicate its use from their midst as a monster of evil. Let every Christian man and woman war against it from a Christian standpoint, and in the power of God, labor to drive it from the land, that not only our churches but our homes shall be free from its effects.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. REVEL, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

O. D. Cox, Treasurer, in account with Tuskegee Association:

To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$ 507 65
By amount paid Z. D. Roby, for min.....	\$ 51 45
By amount paid Z. D. Roby, for H. Col.....	11 95
By amount paid W. E. Lloyd, for the Sem.....	10 00
By amount paid F. C. David, Evangelist.....	422 75
By amount paid H. A. Tupper, for Foreign Missions....	11 50

\$ 507 65—\$ 507 65

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. Cox, Treasurer.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.
Respectfully submitted.

NATHAN ALDRIDGE, Chairman.

The Executive Committee of last year re-elected, as follows: Z. D. Roby, W. H. Carroll, W. E. Lloyd, D. W. Floyd, A. Frazer.

Report of Finance Committee.

Amount sent up for Minutes.....	\$ 56 20
Amount sent up for Domestic Missions	145 05
Amount sent up for Associational purposes.....	2 35
Amount sent up for State Mission Board.....	49 90
Amount sent up for Indian Missions.....	11 65
Amount sent up for Foreign Missions.....	10 65
Amount collected for Home and State Board.....	9 10
Amount collected for Foreign Missions	1 20

\$286 10

We also report the following amounts previously collected and paid out by—

Opelika Church for Sunday School Literature.....	\$59 40
Opelika Church for Foreign Missions.....	13 10
Tuskegee Church for Foreign Missions.....	21 30

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. BLOODWORTH.

Approved and adopted.

After the adoption of the Finance report, the following collections were taken up for brother F. C. David, as per order of the Association, from the Sabbath congregations:

Baptist Church, 11 A.M.....	\$19 85
Baptist Church, 7½ P.M.....	
Methodist Church, 11 A.M.....	13 25

Rev. C. W. Buck also collected from the—

Colored Baptist Church for Missions, 11 A.M.....	\$1 60
Colored Methodist Church for Missions, 7½ P.M.....	5 55

CLERK.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution offered by Z. D. Roby—

Resolved, That all ordained Baptist ministers living within the bounds of this Association be recognized as delegates of this body, whenever present. Passed.

Resolution offered by C. W. Buck—

Resolved, That the churches be requested to take up a collection on their regular day of preaching in December for the benefit of the beneficiaries of Howard College, and that each pastor urge this matter upon the churches, and forward collections to the President of the Board of Education, Rev. D. W. Gwynn, Montgomery, Alabama. Passed.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to be paid \$25 for services in preparing and superintending printing of Minutes.

On motion of C. W. Buck—

Resolved, That as an Association, and individually, we, the members of this Association tender our sincere thanks to the members of the Opelika church, and to the friends in Opelika who, by their kind attention and liberal hospitality, have made our visit so pleasant; also, to the several churches for the use of their pulpits; and to the superintendents of such railroads as have given reduced rates over the same. Passed unanimously.

On motion, referred all unfinished business to the action of the Executive Committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Friday before the third Lord's day in October, 1876, at the place to be selected by the Executive Committee. (See session of Executive Committee, page —.)

Prayer by Rev. J. J. D. Redfroe.

WM. H. CARROLL, Moderator.

C. W. BUCK, Clerk.

[NOTE.—The Church at Notasulga, Macon county, having made application for the next meeting of the Association, the Executive Committee so ordered. The next Association will therefore be held with the Church at Notasulga, Friday, October 13th, 1876.]

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Received by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.
Concord, Macon Co.....	Notasulga, Ala.....	C W Buck.....	Archy McKee.....	6	11	...	5	...	...	53
Farmville.....	Auburn, Ala.....	W C Bledsoe.....	J I Bevell.....	12	5	...	5	...	...	77
Salem.....	Salem, Ala.....	F C David.....	D W Floyd.....	10	4	...	7	...	...	43
Notasulga.....	Notasulga, Ala.....	G E Brewer.....	G W Lathroe.....	3	13	...	7	...	...	96
Elenczer.....	Fitzpatrick's Station, Ala.....	G D Benton.....	J M F Parker.....	3	8	...	...	...	...	20
Rocky Mount.....	Salem, Ala.....	F C David.....	J M Allen.....	2	7	...	2	...	...	42
Auburn.....	Auburn, Ala.....	W E Lloyd.....	J L Binford.....	10	1	...	1	...	...	58
Chewaka.....	Opelika, Ala.....	W H Carroll.....	J H Heard.....	6	2	...	4	...	...	35
Liberty.....	Opelika, Ala.....	J F Bledsoe.....	J T Jones.....	...	...	...	7	...	...	69
Girard.....	Columbus, Ga.....	G Parker.....	B H Ryder.....	17	13	...	1	...	...	128
Hurtville.....	Hurtville, Ala.....	W S Rogers.....	M L Long.....	7	8	...	1	...	...	51
Loachapoka.....	Loachapoka, Ala.....	G E Brewer.....	W W Bloodworth.....	12	11	...	5	...	...	77
Opelika.....	Opelika, Ala.....	C W Buck.....	J N Branham.....	19	13	...	38	...	...	169
Elam.....	Auburn, Ala.....	J B Reese.....	Charles Little.....	11	1	...	1	...	...	39
Concord, Lee Co.....	Salem, Ala.....	W S Rogers.....	J M Harris.....	3	2	...	7	...	...	56
Mount Lebanon.....	Scale, Ala.....	F C David.....	W E Stratford.....	5	8	...	2	...	...	55
Union Grove.....	Opelika, Ala.....	J L Revel.....	W J Parker.....	18	6	...	10	...	...	112
Scale.....	Scale, Ala.....	J L Revel.....	C L Williams.....	...	...	...	4	...	...	56
Crawford.....	Crawford, Ala.....	J F Reeves.....	S T Mullen.....	...	10	...	3	...	...	33
Philadelphia.....	Smith's Station, Ala.....	J L Revel.....	N Aldridge.....	...	5	...	4	...	...	38
County Line.....	Hatcheechubbee, Ala.....	W S Rogers.....	L C Cooper.....	3	6	...	18	...	...	41
Friendship.....	Uchee, Ala.....	G D Benton.....	G A Ferrell.....	...	1	...	10	...	...	69
Good Hope.....	Tuskegee, Ala.....	Z D Roby.....	J D Bellington.....	5	3	...	5	...	...	36
Tuskegee.....	Brownville, Ala.....	J F Reeves.....	J H Mathews.....	23	19	...	10	...	...	162
Pleasant Hill.....	Tuskegee, Ala.....	G D Benton.....	S C Cloud.....	1	1	...	4	...	...	38
LaPlace.....	LaPlace, Ala.....	Z T Weaver.....	J A Richardson.....	1	1	...	1	...	...	32
Shiloh.....	Crawford, Ala.....	J L Revel.....	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	35
Society Hill.....	Society Hill, Ala.....	G D Benton.....	...	175	170	...	16	...	...	1988
Grand Total.....				175	170	16	176	31	14	1988

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	State Mission Board.	Indian Mission.	Foreign Mission	Associational Purposes.	TOTAL
Concord, Macon Co.....	\$ 2 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2 00
Farmville.....	1 50	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Salem.....	1 50	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
Notasulga.....	2 00	10 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	13 50
Ebenezer.....	1 50	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 75
Rocky Mount.....	2 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Auburn.....	2 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Chewackla.....	1 50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Liberty.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Girard.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Hurtville.....	1 50	12 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 60
Loachapoka.....	2 50	8 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 70
Opelika.....	2 50	.....	33 40	.....	.....	.....	35 90
Elam.....	1 50	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Concord, Lee Co.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mount Lebanon.....	2 50	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50
Union Grove.....	3 00	6 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	9 00
Seale.....	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Crawford.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Philadelphia.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
County Line.....	1 50	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75
Friendship.....	2 50	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 50
Good Hope.....	2 50	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Tuskegee.....	2 00	21 30	15 00	10 65	10 65	.....	59 60
Brownville.....	2 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Pleasant Hill.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70
LaPlace.....	2 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Shiloh.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Society Hill.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 35	3 80
Union Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$56 20	\$ 145 05	\$49 90	\$11 65	\$10 65	\$ 2 35	\$

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Fourth District—Will meet with Rocky Mount Church Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July, 1876. Rev. W. H. Carroll will preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. E. Lloyd, alternate.

The Union meeting of the Baptist Ministers of East Alabama will be held with Mount Pleasant Church, Camp Hill, Chambers county, Alabama, convening Thursday night before the third Sabbath in March, 1876.

All Baptist ministers are invited to attend.

Committees to report next session of the Association as follows: Missions, Alex. Frazer, Chairman; Sunday Schools, Wady Thompson, Chairman; Education, J. D. Quarles, Chairman; Temperance, Dr. D. W. Floyd, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. H. Carroll.....	Opelika, Ala.	I. T. Tichenor.....	Auburn, Ala.
K. Taylor.....	Opelika, Ala.	Z. T. Weaver.....	La Place, Ala.
J. D. Bond.....	Opelika, Ala.	W. H. Crane.....	Columbus, Ga.
Z. D. Roby.....	Tuskegee, Ala.	J. L. Revel.....	Crawford, Ala.
G. D. Benton.....	Tuskegee, Ala.	F. C. David.....	Salem, Ala.
G. W. Gunn.....	Tuskegee, Ala.	J. J. Dickson.....	Notasulga, Ala.
Z. H. Gordon.....	Seale, Ala.	C. Walls.....	Notasulga, Ala.
W. E. Lloyd.....	Auburn, Ala.	C. W. Buck.....	Loachapoka, Ala.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God; and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in Essence and ever Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Eternal and Particular Election: that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believed, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in Love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are Ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these Ordinances, and that immersion only is Baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the *wicked* will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the *Tuskegee Baptist Association*, and constituted of delegates regularly chosen by the separate Churches of the Union; and shall convene annually at such time and place as the Association shall direct.

ART. 2. Yielding a hearty assent to the Baptist sentiment, that each separate church is an independent religious body, owing allegiance only to Christ, the true Head of the Church, we disclaim any right on the part of this Association to exercise any authority over the churches of the Union, or to interfere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. At each annual session the Association shall elect from their body, by ballot, a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are chosen. In making choice of those officers, a majority of the votes present shall be necessary to an election. Should no individual voted for receive a majority on the first ballot, a choice shall be made from the two having the highest number of votes.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside over the body—shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed—decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the body, and discharge such duties and be vested with such authority and privileges as belong appropriately to his office.

ART. 5. The regular standing committees shall consist of a Committee on Preaching—Business—Finance—Documents—the State of the Churches—an Auditing Committee—on Missions—Sabbath Schools—Southern Publication Society—Bibles and Deceased Ministers,—who shall report in writing to the Association on the subjects referred to them, respectively, during the session.

ART. 6. The Clerk shall keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association, procure the printing and distribution of minutes, and perform such other duties as belonging appropriately to his office.

ART. 7. Churches desirous of becoming members of the Union may petition by letter and messengers; and if, upon examination, they are found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Moderator in extending the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. The delegates of the Association, at each annual session of the body may produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment—giving the number of communicants in full fellowship, (discriminating between the white and colored members,) the number received during the past Associational year by baptism, by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, together with the state and condition of the church, the Sabbath-school, prayer meeting, and other works of Christian effort conducted by the church.

ART. 9. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates, and no more, until the number of members shall be one hundred; for over one hundred members, three delegates; and for each additional fifty, one delegate.

ART. 10. The Association shall elect from their body, by ballot, at each annual session, an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, who shall fill vacancies occurring in their own body, and whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the Association, to manage the business of the body during its recess.

ART. 11. A Treasurer shall be chosen annually by ballot, who shall take charge of the moneys, specialties, and property of the Association, and report in writing, at each annual session of the body, the state of the finances, his receipts and disbursements during the Associational year just closed, exhibiting

his vouchers for the same, and at the expiration of his term of service, deliver to his successor in office the unexpended funds, specialties, and property, belonging to the Association.

ART. 12. This Association will entertain no query from the churches, until the church producing the query shall first have labored for its solution; and when entertained by the Association, her decision shall be advisory only, and not conclusive with the churches.

ART. 13. This Association may correspond with other Associations of the same faith and order, and withdraw correspondence at discretion.

ART. 14. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 15. Minutes of the Association shall be read, approved, and signed, by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association finally adjourns.



